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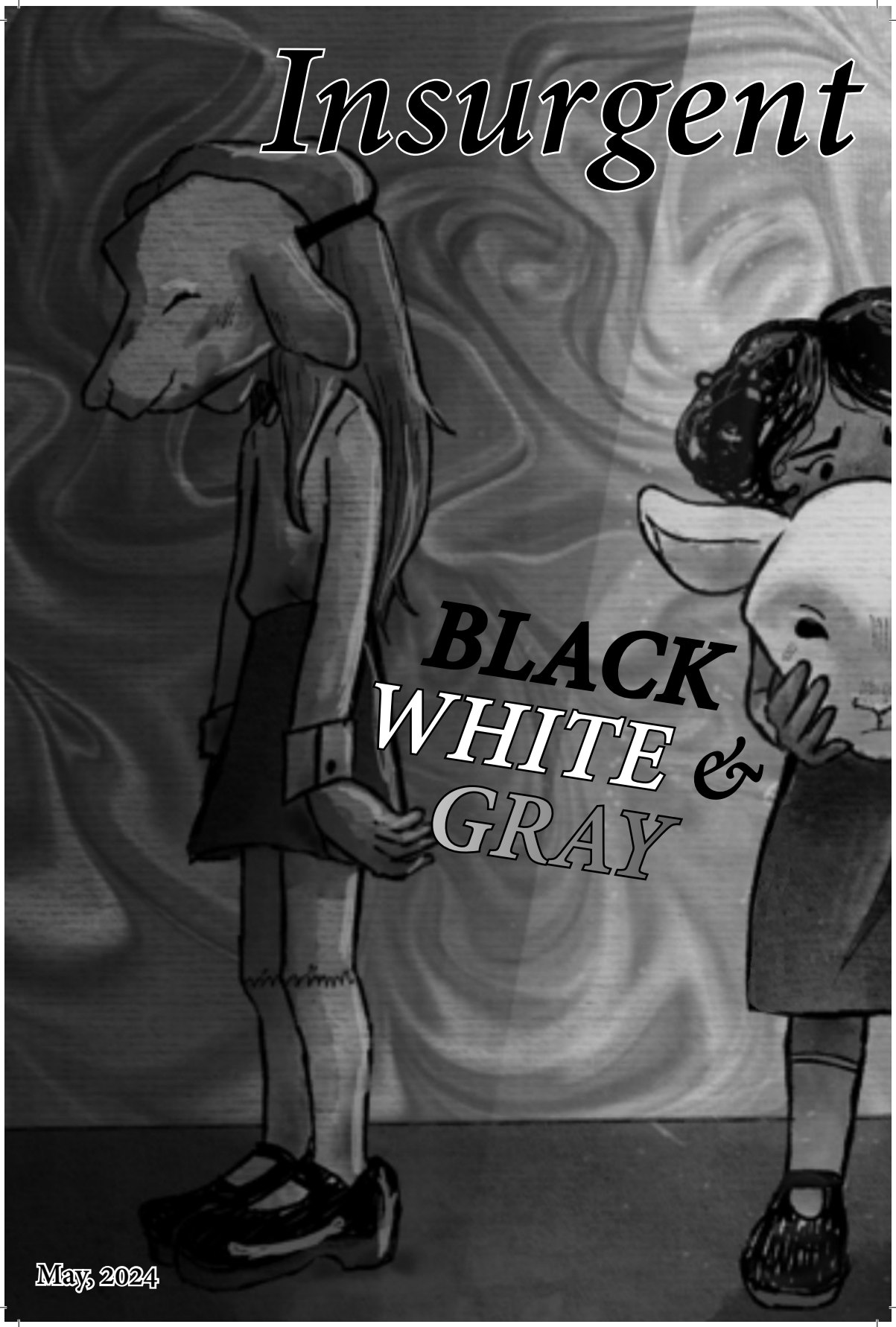

BLACK WHITE & GRAY

May, 2024

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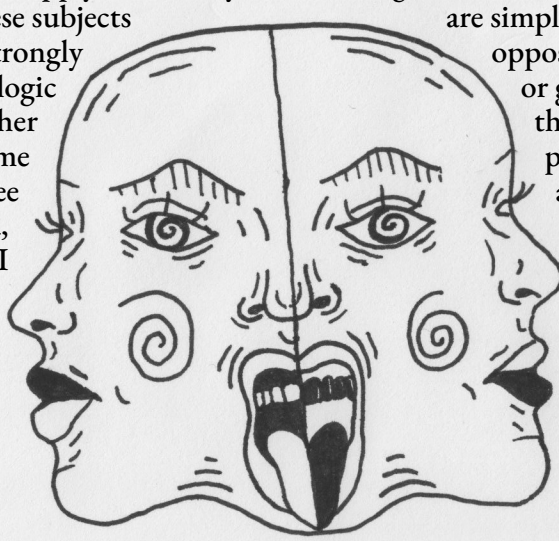
Black and white. Evil and good. But why? White is the absence of all colors. Black is every miniscule spectra of color combined. Diversity is what has brought us this far; if there was nothing different we wouldn't be able to combine things to create.

Black is the color of rich soil, and of the heavy clouds that come to plenish land. Black is dark and darkness is when all living creatures finally get to rest, to just breathe in crisp, dark air. But for others, it's the time to get loose, to party, to live, to be able to see pretty lights and stars.

Yes, it's scary to not be able to always see what is around us, but that's when you lower your eyes to embrace other senses and explore what's around you. We've evolved this far, and although some people on this planet seemed to devolve, you can make it through the night. You will fight or flight and you are capable of becoming one with the night as you are with the day.

White is a brilliant blank canvas, it does make things lighter, but constantly staring at the sun will make you go blind... as many on this Earth seem to be. Stop the associations that Black is bad and white is pure and good. Don't let fear of the unknown dictate your life because one of your five, maybe six, senses does not operate as you wish. This shit is built off racism. The subconscious and unconscious connections you form that Black is evil or grossly undesirable while white is pristine and clean... that perception can carry onto the people you meet, the characters you develop, the weather you experience, the food you eat, and so much more.

You need to mix to develop the advanced, you need to blend to get creative, use all the colors, and you have Black and white to accomplish that. The extremities of Black and white in contrast apply to so many things that we as humans value, but to be truthful, all of these subjects are simply grey. If there are two sides that so strongly oppose, there must be at least a sliver of logic or good reason within each side, whether that's rooted in fear or morality. Some people see all white as nothing, some see all black as nothing. There's that grey area, the mix of nothing and everything. I encourage you to play with your perceptions, see the hidden threads that connect our words, thoughts and actions, and enjoy our mini May issue... Black, White & Grey.



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Daily Emerald
Independent journalism produced by students, for students

The Daily Error: **Privilege and Ignorance**

Following the April 15 Shut it Down for Palestine blockade held on the I-5 by around 60 protesters, the Daily Emerald published an article covering the demonstration. In this article, they included the full names of several activists who had been arrested.

These activists had been cornered and arrested by more than a hundred police armed to the teeth and in full riot gear, then were detained for upwards of 36 hours, some in solitary confinement. According to the anarchist publication It's Going Down, "while protesters stood in the road, even sitting cross-legged for some time, officers responded by mass arresting everyone present, even those who attempted to comply with their demands and leave the freeway."

While these activists were incarcerated and shut off from the wider world, without their knowledge or consent, their names were exposed by a newspaper that claims to "elevate the voices of marginalized people." I find their mission statement to be a joke. These activists had already endured horrific treatment at the hands of the police state for their cause. The last thing they needed was to have their names doxxed by a student newspaper that's supposed to fairly and safely deliver the news.

It's incredibly embarrassing and shameful that students who are in journalism school, and are even required to take an Ethics in Journalism class, are breaking the most basic rules of it. These so-called journalists have gotten comfortable in their own incompetence. They constantly release articles riddled with misinformation and quotes taken out of context. There's a disconnect between true social justice and the reporters at the Emerald. They don't engage with any causes outside of shitting out articles to meet their quotas.

The activists who are current students here could have faced repercussions from admin from their involvement with the protest, and one of the other people they named as a student graduated last year. Even while doxxing people, they don't have their facts right.

On top of Emerald still calling the genocide happening in Gaza the "Israel-Hamas war," they put these activists in harm's way with their negligence. I have low expectations for the Emerald already and they keep dropping the bar lower.

"It would be hypocritical of our values to hold other groups accountable yet not hold those within our own organization up to our own ethical standard." Given this, I encourage them to release a full statement on their mistake. Their edits stating their regret directly on the article aren't enough. If they are so staunch about their "impartiality" they need to honor that by giving their full respect to the people they harmed.

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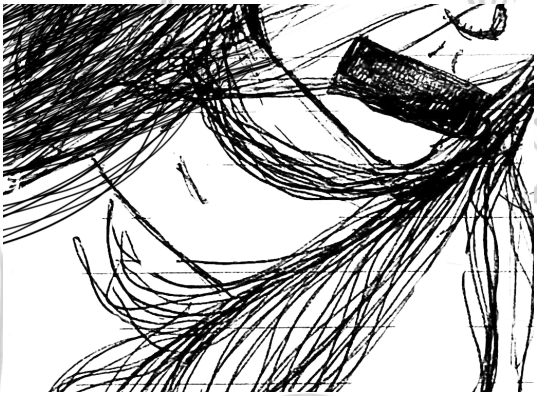

Give Uter-US our Rights! (Campus Edition)

The Socialist Feminist Committee and Students for Choice are fighting together to get medication abortion on campus! Misoprostol, also known as the abortion pill, is one of the most demanded basic needs that is not provided by the university. The fight for this service has been going on for a long time in the state legislature, but we refuse to wait for politicians and shareholders to decide that we are allowed control over our own bodies. Instead, we choose to organize and take action to get what we need.

Our current university system is blocking students from accessing the reproductive care that they deserve while our country's government is actively participating in the removal of bodily autonomy rights.

As students of the University of Oregon and residents of the state of Oregon, we are fortunate to live in an area that allows access to abortion without intervention. This does not take into account the economic and social difficulties that many face when in a situation concerning their own reproductive rights. Just because we have some access where we currently live, this does not mean that there are not millions of individuals that live in other areas of this nation who have to fight for their own bodily autonomy every single day. With the repeal of Roe v. Wade and a large increase in anti abortion care legislation being passed around the nation, it is of the utmost importance that we fight for reproductive rights not only on the UO campus, but also for the greater movement.

We are actively working on a campaign and petition which focuses on calling out the University of Oregon Health Services for their lack of support towards abortion care on campus. The Socialist Feminist Committee and Students for Choice are petitioning for the university to provide on-demand abortion medication and informed consent gender affirming care. These two are the most in demand services that students at the university of Oregon need, and we need it now. With the closure of Peacehealth hospitals, there will be a visible gap in the access to trans and reproductive healthcare that we need. Oregon and the University promote themselves as an inclusive and progressive campus, but we must be aware of the capitalistic systems that control whether or not we get a Bodacious campaign for the Heisman trophy or if we help students in need with reproductive justice and trans healthcare. We are working with QA3 to develop details of the HRT petition and we are working with S4C to develop the abortion pill petition.

Art from: S4C Wall

HOW TO PROPERLY "FUCK THE POLICE"

Cops off Campus is back! We are building a campus-wide movement for abolition with the goal of disarming, divesting from, and dismantling the university's police department. Campus police, especially at the UO, have had a remarkably short history, meaning we have always had other ways of addressing key needs of students and the wider community. After forming in 2012, UOPD has led charges against student protests, as well as criminalized unhoused folks, people of color, and disabled folks on our campus and in our community. A campaign to bring abolitionist solutions to UO would include finding ways to address mental health crises, the housing crisis (which UO has been a main contributor), conflict within our community, and fight for student control of key spaces on the campus, including health services and the EMU. Eugene has been on the forefront of creating systems of crisis support through CAHOOTS, something that can and should be extended to the University of Oregon campus. Abolition is nestled in a nexus of Palestine, labor, the environment, housing, and other crises perpetuated by our administration and UOPD.

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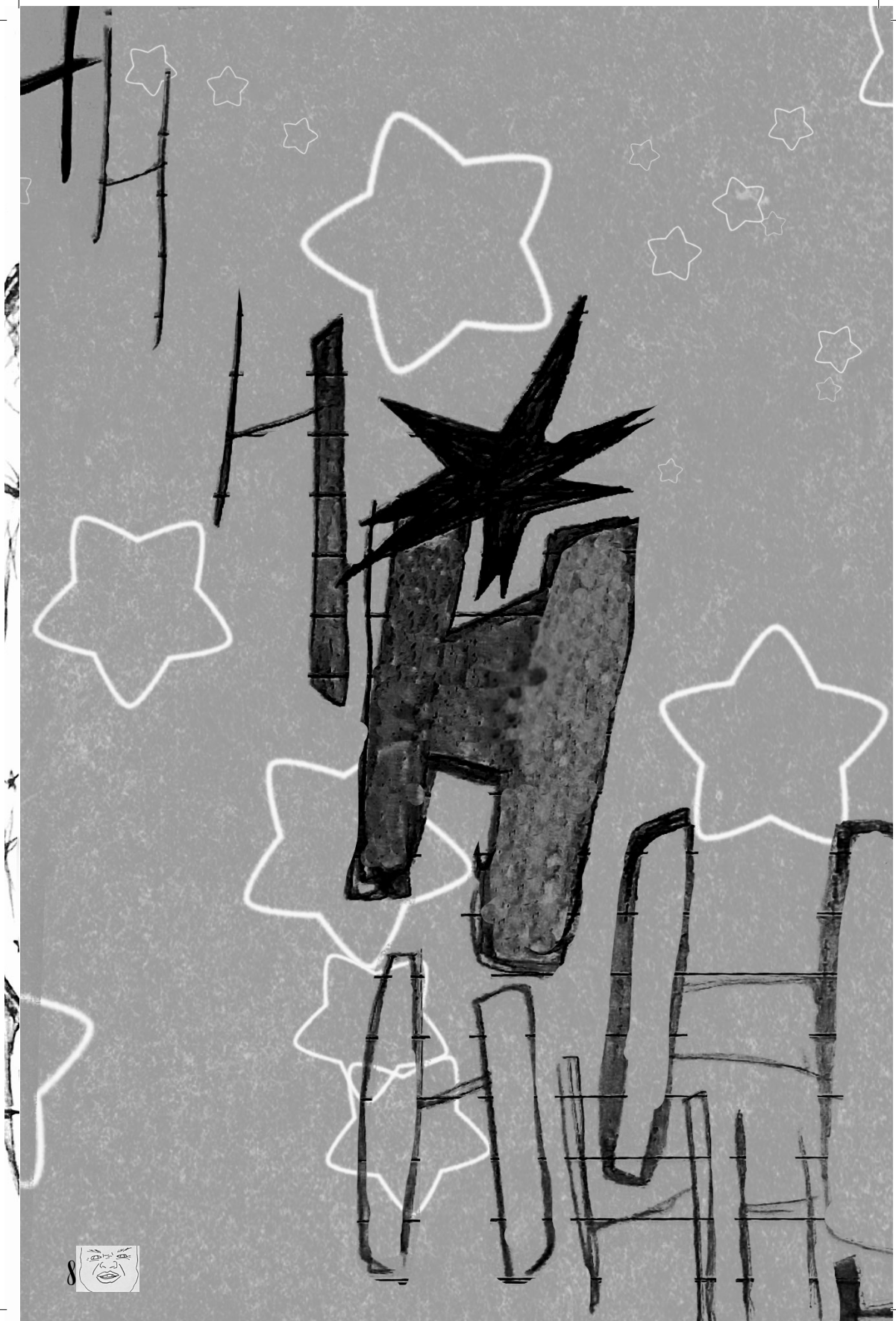
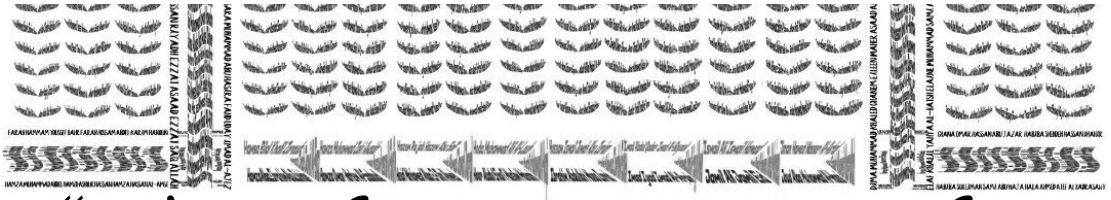


SOCC Manifesto

Within leftist spaces, intersectionality is a topic that is begged for but rarely integrated. It's often an ask for people of color to join and work for white socialists leaders to educate but not lead. We, as socialists of color, are constantly challenged; we have to showcase a resume of our political ideals, defend our cultural beliefs, We plan to share knowledge, discuss, and center liberatory revolutions and movements rooted in socialism spearheaded by people of color in the Global South. People of color's political revolutions are seen as a fluke or a mystical action instead of a long standing battle. Socialists of color have a rich tradition throughout the United States and the Global South, contributing to socialist movements and literature. Some of these figures include Martin Luther King Jr., Angela Davis, Macolm X, Nelson Mandela, and Fred Hampton, which we plan to share and educate with our peers through political education. Socialists of Color Caucus is both a social group AND an organizing group where we build support and bridge between affinity groups and political action. As a political group, we are here to question racial privilege in leftist spaces, and to encourage liberatory socialist thought in minority spaces. We aim to center the political development of socialists of color in our programming and create a space to focus on campaigns that struggle against white supremacy and predatory capitalism, which are inextricably linked together. The job of a POC socialist is mentally and emotionally draining, so alongside political action our priority is to take care of each other, people of color, it is impossible to coexist with white people who do not understand the nuance of constantly fighting for your right to exist. A person of color's existence is constantly politicized and held to a higher bar due to institutions of white supremacy, which give them extra burdens when it comes to advocating for socialist politics. SOCC does not have to be cognitive to cater to white leftists, to dumb it down and give a history;

we can exist as we are.



"We violate university policy, you violate international law"

Beginning 7 AM on Monday April 29, students are occupying the Knight Library Lawn at the University of Oregon campus to demand the university to do its part in ending the ongoing genocide of Palestinians.

Throughout the last century, Israel has solidified its colonial settler state through ethnic cleansing, mass displacement, and apartheid. Today, many Palestinians occupy the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely inhabited areas on earth, where the Israeli government has killed over 34,000 people in the past seven months. Israel's targeted attacks on homes, hospitals, and key infrastructure are acts of genocide and must end.

University of Oregon students have set up a liberated zone on the UO campus as students at universities across the nation emerge as leaders in the fight for Palestinian liberation. We demand that our institutions boycott and divest from the state of Israel, Israeli companies, and any weapons or surveillance manufacturing. In addition, UO students demand the university put out statements and protections affirming the safety of Palestinian, Jewish, Muslim, and Arab students on campus.

The UO Gaza Solidarity Encampment is part of one of the biggest student movements of the decade. Seeing these tents accumulate disrupts the aesthetic that universities attempt to display, especially during the touring season, insisting that attention is drawn to their sly complacency in the genocide.

"We violate university policy, you violate international law," says Khoury at the May 7th Defend Gaza Defend Each Other rally, a response to the university's continued disregard and hostility towards the encampment and its very reasonable demands.

Since its start, the encampment has exponentially grown in size and support, as well as influenced the formation of the University of Oregon Faculty & Staff for Justice in Palestine group.

The marginal "debeautification" of UO's campus hardly compares to the destruction caused by the genocide happening in Gaza, and by locating in one of the most picturesque parts of campus, UO administration cannot avert their eyes and will be forced to engage and listen to the demands of SJP, JVP, and other supporting groups.

Keffiyeh pattern by: Phia

Planet Power

Climate Justice League is a student-run organization at the University of Oregon which empowers students to organize for climate justice within our community. We support action towards a sustainable, collective future, including deconstructing local and global power structures, working against corporatization and extraction, and prioritizing just and equitable futures for all beings.

Forest Defense

Oregon is the home of towering old-growth stands, spectacular fungi, and wide-ranging bird species: a picture of ecological diversity. The continued logging of Oregon's forests threatens this biodiversity, drives socioeconomic inequality and climate injustice, and abets settler colonial thought. Our Forest Defense campaign is committed to creating a platform which supports the long-term health of biotic and human communities of Oregon through direct action, education, and community engagement. Forest defense is climate defense and must be considered alongside broader issues of social justice.

"In the times we find ourselves in, with the crashing of ecosystems, dying out of fish and trees, destabilization of climate, our relationship to place and to relatives, whether they have fins or roots, merits reconsideration."

- Winona LaDuke, Anishinaabekwe Writer and Environmentalist

Fossil Free UO

Fossil Free UO urges the University of Oregon to play its part in preserving an equitable climate. We use public education, organized events and strategic partnerships to fight for our futures, starting right here at the UO. Our current campaign pressures the UO to update its campus heating system. This heating system is the single largest source of methane emissions in Eugene, but UO can reduce these emissions by 40-80% if it prioritizes people over profit. We'll make sure that happens.

Growing the Grove Garden

The Grove Community Garden has historically been a space for UO students and community members to grow food and connect with others who are passionate about gardening. Located at 1801 Moss Street, the garden is just a block south of the Kalapuya Ilihi dorm, here in so called "Eugene." Similar to other student controlled green spaces, the Grove is facing threat of development by the University as they continue their unending pursuit of growth, aiming to build at least two more dorms in the East Campus area by the end of the decade. To protect the space, student organizers are working to shift how the Grove is structured and functions in order to create a space where we can best build community, meet our needs, and create new possibilities. We know students crucially need places where they feel at home and can find connection with the land, so we are fighting to grow and preserve our thriving community. Join us each Saturday at noon and follow @uogrovegarden on Instagram to get involved!

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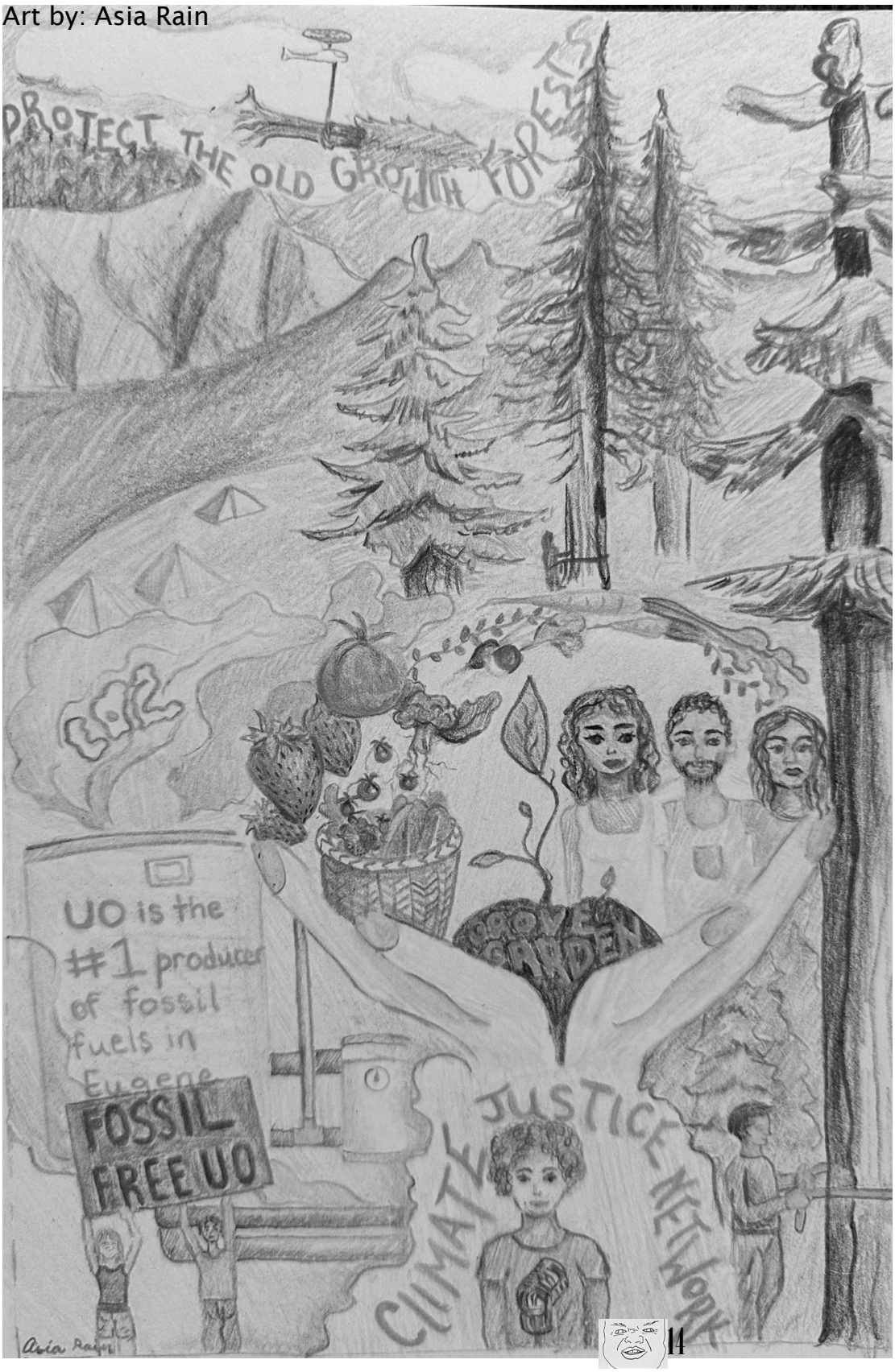
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In the heart of the American Prison Industrial Complex lies a beacon of hope, shining light on the shadows of injustice and inhumanity. The Prison Project stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to rectifying these wrongs, offering a sanctuary for voices silenced by oppression.

Through the power of storytelling, we embark on a journey of redemption and resilience, amplifying the narratives of those behind bars. Every story shared is a testament to the unwavering spirit within everyone, a reminder that they are not defined by their circumstances but by the courage to speak their truth.

In a system burdened by recidivism and violence, you can be a beacon of ajust yours alone—it is a catalyst for change, inspiring others to believe in the transformative power of resilience. The Prison Project welcomes you; your voice is not just heard but celebrated. Together, we rise.

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Working Ducks Need More Bucks.

UO Student Workers represents over 4,000 student workers at our University and we start bargaining for our first contract next month! Our contract will be the first of its kind in the country, and we need the support of our entire campus to win. It's time to fight for our L.I.V.E.S. and win a Living wage, Integrity in the workplace, Vital care on campus, Environmental and safety protections, and improved Scheduling! We don't have the dates for our first session yet, but follow our Instagram @uostudentworkers to stay updated. Also, if you work on campus, reach out to get involved. We have contract action team meetings every Monday at 6pm in Lillis 112!

- Some things were bargaining for are higher wages, harassment and discrimination protections, a shorter pay period, clean energy on campus, and better access to healthcare on campus
- We need all students to care about this campaign in order to win. We can win a legally binding document with the university and improve conditions not only for student workers, but also all students on campus.
- We wanted to start bargaining earlier but the University has stalled giving us accurate lists of workers, answering our information requests without charging us thousands of dollars, or scheduling bargaining times. We also want to try to talk to as many workers as possible before going to the table but we're looking forward. Get involved in your union!

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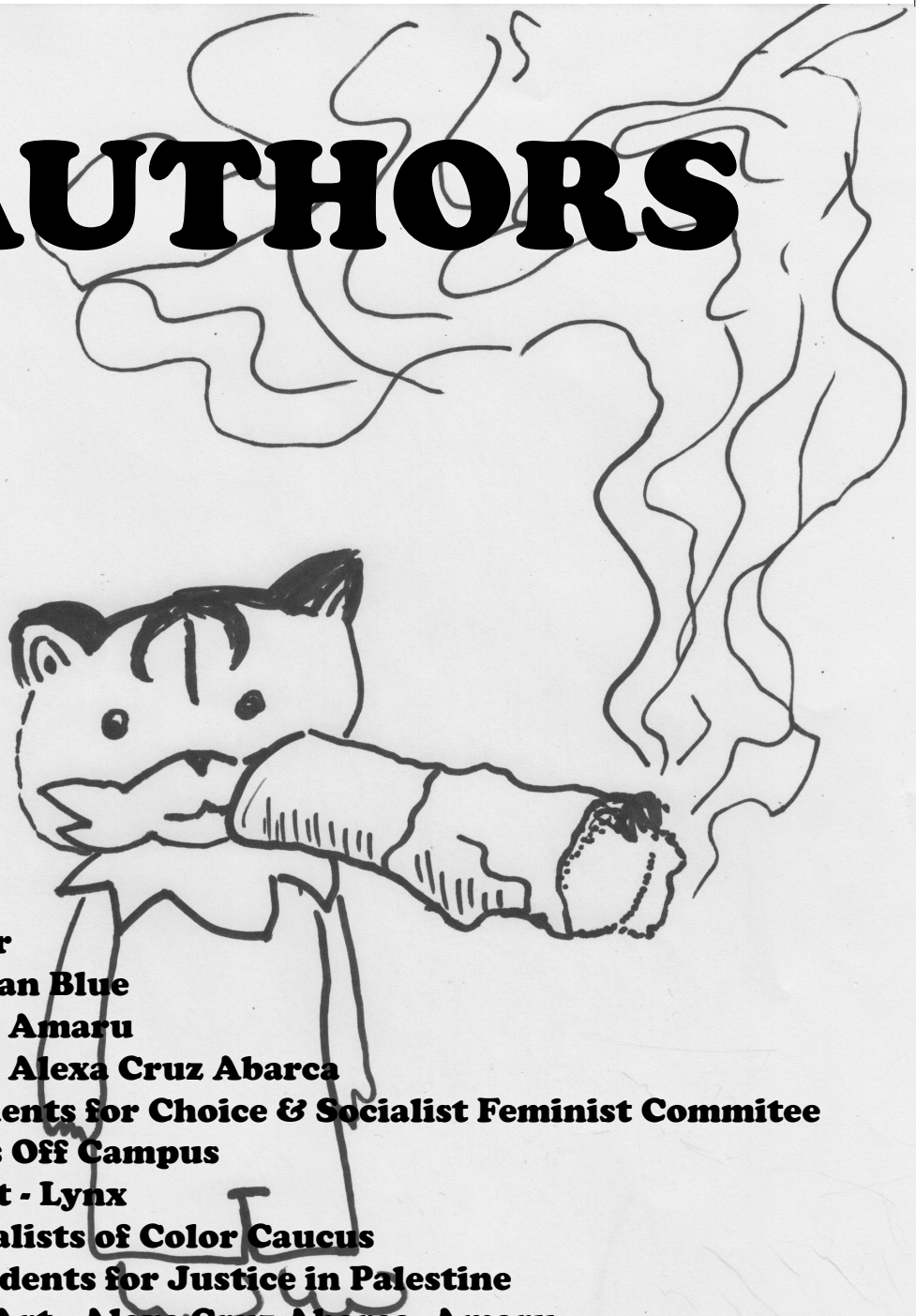

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